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SUBJ: ABU DHABI SEWER PROJECT

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SUMMARY: SUPERVISION OF ABU DHABI TOWN SEWER PROJECT RECENTLY TAKEN AWAY FROM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND GIVEN TO SPECIAL SEWERAGE COMMITTEE. PWD'S CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS HAVE HAD CONTRACTS CANCELLED AND NEW U.K. CONSULTANTS SEEKING CONTRACTORS TO FINISH UNCOMPLETED FIRST STAGE PROJECT. CONSULTANTS ALSO WORKING ON MASTER SEWAGE PLAN CALLING FOR MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO BE TENDERED DURING NEXT TWELVE MONTHS. END SUMMARY.

1. JOH TAYLOR AND SONS (U.K.) CONSULTANTS FOR ABU DHABI TOWN SEWERAGE PROJECT IS SEEKING CONTRACTORS TO COMPLETE UNFINISHED FIRST STAGE OF PROJECT. CONSULTANT DESCRIBED THESE CONTRACTS AS A QUOTE CRASH PROGRAM UNQUOTE AND HOPES TO COMPLETE WORK IN EIGHTEEN MONTHS ON EMERGENCY BASIS. TOTAL CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED WORTH ABOUT DH 75 MILLION (\$19 MILLION) DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

A) SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, INCLUDING EARTHWORKS, REINFORCED CONCRETE WATER RETAINING STRUCTURES, MISCELLANEOUS PIPEWORK AND SITE WORKS. VALUE
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CA. DH. 25 MILLION.

B) SEWERAGE, INCLUDING SEWERS UP TO 375 MM DIAMETER, HOUSE DRAINAGE AND CONNECTIONS, CHAMBERS, MANHOLES AND ASSOCIATED WORKS. VALUE CA. DH 20 MILLION.

C) SEWAGE PUMPING STATIONS, INCLUDING SUPERSTRUCTURES AND PUMPING MAINS. VALUE CA. DH 10 MILLION.

D) SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE WORKS (WHICH MAY FORM A MAIN CONTRACT OR SUB-CONTRACT). VALUE CA. DH 20 MILLION.

2. ALTHOUGH CONTRACTS A, B AND C INVOLVE MOSTLY CIVIL WORKS AND OTHER GENERAL CONTRACTING WHICH WILL PROBABLY GO TO LOCAL FIRMS, CONTRACT D WILL REQUIRE SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED AND INSTALLED BY FOREIGN COMPANY. SINCE SPEED OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CONSULTANTS, INTEREST U.S. COMPANIES SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR QUALIFICATIONS ASAP TO: JOHN TAYLOR AND SONS, P.O. BOX 2774, ABU DHABI, UAE. TELEX 2452 AH WACDUL.

3. IN ADDITION TO CRASH PROGRAM, CONSULTANTS ARE PREPARING SEWERAGE MASTER PLAN FOR ABU DHABI ISLAND AND ADJOINING MAINLAND FOR NEXT 20-25 YEARS. THIS REPORT DUE TO BE PRESENTED TO GOVERNMENT SUMMER 1975. IF ACCEPTED, TAYLOR WILL PRESUMABLY BECOME CONSULTANTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND TENDERS WILL BE ISSUED FOR CONTRACTS WORTH AS MUCH AS DH. 400 MILLION (\$100 MILLION). END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. THIS PROJECT ORIGINALLY SUPERVISED BY ABU DHABI PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD), WHO AWARDED CONSULTANCY TO BRIAN COLQUHOUN & PARTNERS (U.K.) AND FIRST STAGE CONSTRUCTION TO CCC (LEBANON) AND AL-KHARAFI (KUWAIT). CCC'S LOCAL CONNECTION RUMORED TO BE SHAIKH HAMDAN, CHAIRMAN, PWD AND UAE MINISTER PUBLIC WORKS. HOWEVER, WHEN PWD ATTEMPTED TO AWARD PROJECT EXTENSIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO SAME CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS, STRUGGLE DEVELOPED WITH MUNICIPALITY WHICH WAS DISSATISFIED WITH FIRST-STAGE WORK.

5. MUNICIPALITY WAS ABLE TO BLOCK PWD, AND STALEMATE BROKEN WHEN PROJECT SUPERVISION FINALLY GIVEN TO SPECIAL SEWERAGE COMMITTEE HEADED BY SHAIKH SOROUR, CHAIRMAN, ABU DHABI WATER AND ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT. COMMITTEE

MEMBERS INCLUDE SHAIKH SOROUR'S LEGAL ADVISER AND
REPRESENTATIVES FROM MUNICIPALITY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

6. SEWERAGE SCHEME IS JUST ONE OF SEVERAL MAJOR PROJECTS
OUTSIDE SHAIKH SOROUR'S NORMAL JURISDICTION AT WATER AND
ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT THAT HAS BEEN PUT UNDER HIS
PERSONAL SUPERVISION. MAJOR ABU DHABI PROJECT SUPERVISION
NOW FALLING INTO THREE MAJOR DIVISIONS UNDER SUPERVISION
OF THREE BROTHERS: SHAIKH SOROUR (WATER AND ELECTRICITY,
SPECIAL PROJECTS); SHAIKH HAMDAN (PUBLIC WORKS); AND
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7. ACTION REQUESTED: USDOC PLEASE INFORM APPROPRIATE
U.S. FIRMS BOTH IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM OPPORTUNITIES.
THIS EXCELLENT TIME FOR COMPANIES BEGIN PREPARATIONS TO
COMPETE FOR THIS MAJOR PROJECT. ALTHOUGH TENDERS WILL
NOT BE ISSUED FOR AT LEAST 6 TO 12 MONTHS, BID CONDITIONS
HERE USUALLY ALLOW LITTLE CHANCE FOR THOSE COMPANIES
WHO HAVE NOT DONE CONSIDERABLE WORK IN ADVANCE.
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